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Ohio Governor Robert Taft appoints Paul Tomes to Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission

Ohio Governor Robert Taft appointed Paul E. Tomes, P.E., to the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) for a term ending June 26, 2009. Tomes is the Chief Engineer for Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW). He is replacing Richard Miller, former Director of GCWW, whose term expired.

Tomes has worked at GCWW since 1983 and has been Chief Engineer since 1992. He previously worked for the City of Cincinnati Public Works Department and served as Acting Director of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati from 1998 to 1999.

“This appointment is a great honor. The work of ORSANCO is critical to the future of GCWW and this region since we get most of our drinking water from the Ohio River,” said Tomes.

ORSANCO is an interstate commission representing eight states and the federal government, established in 1948 to improve water quality in the Ohio River Basin. ORSANCO’s computerized early warning organic detection system on the Ohio River allows GCWW to detect contaminants before they enter the treatment plant. This assists GCWW in ensuring the continued safety of the drinking water.

Tomes is past chairman of the American Water Works Association, Ohio Section, and the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers.

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